

**ARIZONA COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL (AZ CCC)
RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2006**

In Attendance

John Carpten, Sylvia Brown, Michael Berens, Scott Leischow, Taira Kochar, Jennifer Kjos, Jackie Palmenberg, Tim Flood, Amy Stoll, Jesse Nodora, Sue Colvin, Keith Provan, Veronica Vensor

Role Call

Committee members introduced themselves. Dr. Carpten suggested updating the member list to reflect active members and those still interested in serving on the committee. Jennifer will contact all members and update the list accordingly.

Steering Committee Report

Taira provided a brief summary of the 1/27/06 Steering Committee Meeting. Two major topics were covered at the meeting. The steering committee decided to work on developing a financial plan. The committee will begin by looking at other states' plans to develop one suitable for Arizona. AZ CCC funds will be cut for approximately 10% in light of the fact that there will be federal budget cuts across all states. Dr. Berens mentioned the 21st Century Funds and possibly applying for them as a CCC endorsement partnership.

Cancer Network Analysis

Goals of the Cancer Network Analysis are to determine how information flows and who is missing from the network. It also displays the extent of information and resource sharing. Dr. Provan distributed a packet with information regarding networks (see attached).

Network Analysis Proposal

The committee needs to begin to determine the scope of work to be accomplished.

1. Development aspect characters who is doing what and who is missing.
2. Funding to pursue this proposal. The National Science Foundation funds network developments
3. Dr. Leischow committed the Arizona Cancer Center to put money towards this project. Depending upon the scope of project, it could cost \$10,000 -30,000 to start. Ideally it would be great to get additional funding to allow for project expansion
4. Dr. Keith Provan of Eller College of Management would have a leadership role given his expertise.

Goals

Dr. Carpten suggested looking at the Research Committee's three goals, listed below, to determine if the committee is interested in maintaining, modifying, or changing these goals.

1. Promote communication, collaboration, infrastructure, training, and funding among cancer researchers.
2. Improve the accessibility, analysis, and evaluation of cancer data as well as promote the use of tissue banking in cancer research.

3. Promote participation in cancer clinical trials in Arizona, specifically among the underserved populations.

The committee decided to continue to keep in line with the goals as published in the AZ State Cancer Plan. Biobanking, a research symposium, and network analysis all addresses the first goal.

Dr. Nodora suggested the committee look to the other CCC committees and identify any needs there may be for research or if there are any cross-cutting issues that can be addressed.

Dr. Nodora presented information regarding an ADHS grant announcement that could assist with educating the community about value of research effort. The grant announcement lists three priorities, all focusing on achieving policy/ environmental change (\$10, 000).

Action Items

- Update member list to create an active list.
- Review ADHS mini grant application to determine eligibility. If deemed appropriate, write and submit grant application.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2006 from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.